

# U.S. Service Academy Nomination Application for the Class of 2023

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**Anson Mills Building**  
303 North Oregon Street, Suite 210, El Paso, Texas 79901

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Dear Prospective Candidate,

Thank you for your interest in our U.S. Service Academies. Each year I have the privilege of nominating a limited number of people to four of the five Service Academies. The honor of attending a Service Academy comes with an obligation and commitment to serve within a branch of the U.S. Military for a minimum of five years upon graduation. For more information please review my Frequently Asked Questions handout for those seeking a Service Academy Nomination.

Also, *please note that my office is not the admissions office. Please make sure you have begun the application process for the respective academy or academies of your choice.* If you have any questions concerning where to access the admissions application or would like clarification on any part of the process, please contact my Service Academy Liaison or the selection committee.

I wish you the best of luck as you pursue your goal of attending one of the U. S. Service Academies and I thank you for your commitment to serve our country.

Sincerely,



Beto O'Rourke  
Member of Congress

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## Applicant Checklist

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### Personal Data

*This form must be typed or legibly written, and signed by the applicant.*

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### Essay

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### Wallet Sized (2" x 3") Photo

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### Three Completed Recommendation Forms

*Completed by a person of your choice, a minimum of three Recommendation Forms are required. Completed forms may be accompanied by written letters of recommendation. Applicants should be mindful that Recommendation Forms tend to be the chief cause of delays in completing an application packet. Start this process early to ensure your entire application packet is **received no later than 5:00 P.M. MT, Monday, October 22nd, 2018.***

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### High School / College Academic Transcript

*Ensure transcript includes courses currently in progress, GPA, class rank and SAT/ACT scores.*

Please print clearly or type the following information

# I. Applicant Information

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle: \_\_\_\_\_

Suffix: \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: Texas Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Telephone Number: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Secondary Telephone Number: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: ☐ Male ☐ Female ☐ Non-Binary Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ [mm/dd/yyyy]

Mother/Father/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother/Father/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Will you be 17, but not yet 23 years of age by July 1 next year? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Will you be a citizen of the United States at the time of enrollment? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Are you a resident of the Sixteenth Congressional District of Texas? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Have you applied for a nomination in a previous year? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Are you applying for a nomination from any other source? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Whom? \_\_\_\_\_ Presidential / Vice Presidential \_\_\_\_\_ U.S. Dept. of Defense / JROTC

\_\_\_\_\_ U.S. Senator John Cornyn \_\_\_\_\_ U.S. Senator Ted Cruz

Other \_\_\_\_\_

*It is in your best interest to request a nomination through all sources available to you. If your father or mother is active duty military, retired military, or was killed in action, you may also be eligible for a Presidential or Vice Presidential nomination.*

# II. Service Academy Preference

On a scale from one to four (with one being most preferred), please rank **all** of the following academies in order of preference. A Congressional Nomination is not required for the U.S. Coast Guard Academy and is therefore it is not listed.

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|  | U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland             |
|  | U.S. Military Academy at West Point, New York         |
|  | U.S. Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs, Colorado  |
|  | U.S. Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, New York |

Have you been contacted directly by a Service Academy representative?    ☐ Yes    ☐ No

If yes, which Service Academy and by whom? \_\_\_\_\_

### III. Academic Qualifications

**High School:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Telephone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Principal:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Counselor:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Graduation Year:** \_\_\_\_\_

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|---------------------|---|-------|-----------------------|-------|
| <b>Test Scores:</b> | SAT Math                                | _____ | ACT English           | _____ |
|                     | SAT Essay                               | _____ | ACT Math              | _____ |
|                     | SAT Evidence-Based<br>Reading & Writing | _____ | ACT Reading           | _____ |
|                     |   |       | ACT Science/Reasoning | _____ |
|                     | SAT Composite                           | _____ | ACT Composite         | _____ |

Are you scheduled to retake any of your tests?    ☐ Yes    ☐ No    **Date(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

*It is not required to send an official copy of your SAT/ACT scores. However, if you would like to, our office codes are 6799 for the SAT and 7697 for the ACT.*

**Class Rank** \_\_\_\_\_ out of \_\_\_\_\_ class size.    *If your school does not rank, please estimate.*

**Class Percentile**    Top    ☐ 1%    ☐ 5%    ☐ 10%    ☐ 25%    ☐ 50%    *Check one.*

**Grade Point Average (GPA):** \_\_\_\_\_ **Grade Scale Used:** \_\_\_\_\_

**College Attended** (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Major:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Years Attended:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Hours Completed:** \_\_\_\_\_ **GPA:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Grade Scale Used:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Advanced Placement Courses Taken and AP Exam Scores:**

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### Academic Awards or Special Achievements:

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Please add any additional information concerning your transcript or test scores that you would like the nomination committee to take into consideration.

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## IV. Athletic Activities

*Grades 9-12 and college, if applicable.*

Have you been in contact with athletic staff or coaches from any Service Academy?    ☐ Yes    ☐ No

| Sport | Years in Sport | Years as Leader | Athletic Awards or Special Achievements |
|-------|----------------|-----------------|---|
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If so:

| Academy | Sport | Contact Name | Telephone Number |
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## V. Non-Athletic Activities

| Organization               | Number of Years | Highest Position Held |
|----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| Student Body Officer       |                 |                       |
| Class Officer              |                 |                       |
| JROTC Detachment Commander |                 |                       |
| JROTC Member               |                 |                       |
| Boys/Girls State           |                 |                       |
| Boys/Girls Nation          |                 |                       |
| National Honor Society     |                 |                       |

| Organization                    | Number of Years | Highest Position Held |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| Boy/Girl Scout Member           |                 |                       |
| Editor School Publication       |                 |                       |
| Drama/Speech/Debate Club Member |                 |                       |
| School Band/Chorus              |                 |                       |
| Other Officer/ Non-School Club  |                 |                       |

## VI. Prior Service

Have you had any prior service with the military? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes: Branch: \_\_\_\_\_ Years: \_\_\_\_\_ Highest Rank: \_\_\_\_\_

Has a parent, grandparent or sibling attended a Service Academy?

| Name [Last, First] | Service Academy | Year of Graduation |
|--------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
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## VII. Employment History

List in reverse chronological order. Use additional sheets if necessary.

| Employer | Dates | Position | Hours Worked Per Week |
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Motivation for working: \_\_\_\_\_

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## VIII. Essay

*In 600 words or less, explain why you want to attend a Service Academy and how you have handled a difficult ethical choice that has tested your integrity. Feel free to attach additional pages if necessary.*

# IX. Recommendation Form

## Office of U.S. Representative Beto O'Rourke Recommendation rating form for U.S. Service Academy Nominees

Dear Sir or Madam,

The applicant has requested that U.S. Representative Beto O'Rourke consider him or her for a Congressional Nomination to one or several of the U.S. Service Academies. Please fill out this recommendation form using the rating scale below. You may also enclose a letter of recommendation. The rating form and letter of recommendation must be submitted to the Office of U.S. Representative O'Rourke by mail, fax or email. If emailed, the recommendation form and a letter of recommendation must be submitted by the person making the recommendation in a PDF format.

Thank you,



Richard Cerros  
U.S. Service Academy Liaison

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Applicant's name you are providing a reference for: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name: [Last Name, First, Suffix] \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: State: Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred phone: \_\_\_\_\_

How long has the applicant known you: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

If prior military service, please state your rank, branch and years of service: \_\_\_\_\_

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Statement of student abilities and dispositions needed to successfully complete the selected Service Academy school work.

**Rating Scale:**

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| <b>4</b> Very true of this person     | <b>3</b> True of this person |
| <b>2</b> Somewhat true of this person | <b>1</b> Not at all true     |
| <b>0</b> Do not know                  |                              |

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| <b>1</b> | The applicant is persistent and does not quit when challenges arise.                         |  |
| <b>2</b> | The applicant has strong academic training or background (i.e., coursework, etc.)            |  |
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| 7  | The applicant has a good work ethic.                             |  |
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| 9  | The applicant works well independently.                          |  |
| 10 | The applicant completes projects, assignments, or tasks on time. |  |
| 11 | The applicant's work is of high quality.                         |  |
| 12 | The applicant is highly dependable.                              |  |
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| 18 | The applicant receives constructive criticism well.              |  |
| 19 | The applicant works well with others.                            |  |

Additional comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please forward your recommendation form via one of the following methods:*

**fax:** (915) 541-1407  
**email:** ricardo.cerros@mail.house.gov  
**mail:** Office of U.S. Representative Beto O'Rourke  
 Attn.: Richard Cerros, U.S. Service Academy Liaison  
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## XII. Photograph & Other

Is there any other relevant information you would like U.S. Representative O'Rourke, his staff or the Nomination Selection Committee to know?

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### Wallet Size Photo

Please paperclip a current wallet size, 2" x 3" photograph here.

It is recommended that the applicant also include his or her name on the back of photo should the photo become detached during processing.

## XIII. Privacy Statement & Agreement

**Privacy Act Statement:** The submission of the requested information constitutes authorization for its review by U.S. Representative O'Rourke, his staff, his U.S. Service Academy Nomination Committee and if nominated, divulged on official press releases, official social media outlets and broadcast media.

**Agreement:** I have read the Privacy Act Statement. The information provided in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that in addition to this application, I am also required to submit all of the items on the application checklist. I further understand that U.S. Representative O'Rourke's District Office **must be in receipt of all application materials no later than 5:00 P.M. MT, Monday, October 22nd, 2018.** Also, an appointment to the Service Academy is based on commitment and implies recognition by the appointee of an obligation to the government of the United States of America to devote him or herself to a military service career.

**Your signature below acknowledges that an appointment to an academy will be made on this basis.**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please return your completed application to:*

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